

Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body

Sections 7.6, 7.7.4 and 7.9.1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE – Governor's Forest Health Council

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431, notice is hereby given to the members of the Forest Health Council and to the general public that the **Forest Health Council** will hold a meeting open to the public:

October 9th, 2008

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**County Supervisors Association Building
1905 West Washington Street, Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ**

Meeting Objective: To review and discuss the 1st draft Forest Service Implementation Plan, to discuss ongoing Pilot Project planning, to update the Council on Scorecard progress, to discuss next steps in releasing the land use paper, to discuss implementation strategies for wildlife principles document, to determine next steps and priorities relating to September discussion topics, to schedule future discussion/workshop topics, to review FHC workplan progress, and to introduce November meeting agenda.

- 1) Call to order – Ethan A., Molly P., Rob D., Todd S., Larry S. on behalf of Mark H, Kerri M., Thomas K., Wally C., Lucy M., Kirk R., Cam H., Steve R on behalf of Josh A., Don F., Steve G., Sandy Bahr on behalf Rob S., Ron W., and Lori F.
- 2) Approval of the Minutes from September 11, 2008 – Draft minutes moved to next meeting for approval.
- 3) Discussion with Corbin Newman regarding the Forest Service Implementation Plan ~ Ethan Aumack and Molly Pitts
Background – A working group has worked together with the Forest Service to find alternative ways to increase the number of acres to be thinned. Action Item 4.1.1 in the Strategic Plan calls for a regional perspective on biomass restoration. Gilbert Zepeda, Director of Forest Management, Forest Service calls this action item as an intent to collaborate throughout northern Arizona. The implementation plan is in draft form and it will serve as a roadmap to alternatives. Concerns that have been raised are the NEPA ready acres that will have to be available and the regulations that accompany large service contracts. Other areas of concern that arose from the council were; stewardship contract and industry paying for the treatments - the costs and what industries are capable and the potential MOU's that will be needed. There is an opportunity for the Implementation Plan and Pilot Project to work together. Any comments can be submitted to Mike Williams (Kaibab National Forest). Also two letters will be drafted and distributed to the council for review by the next meeting.
- 4) Update re: Pilot Project planning and next steps ~ Lucy Murfitt, Ethan Aumack, and Molly Pitts
The objectives for the Pilot Project have been formalized. The project will focus on 100,000 to 500,000 acres out of the 2.4 million acres. The criteria will be determined during the October 16th meeting. The criteria that the group will be discussing are infrastructure, watershed, wildlife issues and community wildfire protection. GIS has been looked at to pick locations. Gilbert reiterated that it is important to define the criteria which could further help the Forest Service. Lucy will send the final alternatives out to the council.
- 5) Update and discussion re: Statewide Scorecard (data availability and contextual language) ~ Glen Buettner
Glen met with fire managers and DOI agencies to review the strategy.
The fire marshal department is not collecting data to complete category 2.
On category 3 define burnable acres.
Category 4 add a matrix that calculates the percentage of what has been harvested yearly, based on the numbers of the Wood Supply Analysis.
Category 5 an outside funding source or volunteer group will be needed.
Category 6 add insurance education
- 6) Discussion re: communications strategy for land use paper ~ Don Falk
The Land Use paper contains over 20% of recommendation that are mentioned on the Statewide Strategy Plan. Don and previous council members have worked on this paper for publication. The paper will need to

be distributed and it was suggested to be sent out to the League of AZ Cities and Towns, insurance companies and as to many people possible to educate and indentify the issue in Arizona.

- 7) Discussion re: implementation strategy for wildlife principles ~ Norris Dodd and Steve Rosenstock
The principals are finalized.
- 8) Follow-up to insurance, building codes, and WFLC public education campaign topics discussed at September meeting ~ Lori Faeth
It would be a great opportunity for the state and council to learn on how to talk to the community about fire in using the right language and understanding the terminology. Lori would like feedback from the council if this is of interest.
- 9) Scheduling future discussion/workshop topics ~ Ethan Aumack and Molly Pitts
 - Integrating with adjoining states with other state councils – Todd and Lori and Wally
 - Insects – Rocky Mountain Research Station, Don Falk
 - Invasive species -Game and Fish – Steve
 - Watershed -
 - Climate change – Sandy B./Wally C./ Steve R./ Rob/Don F. in February
- 10) FHC workplan review ~ Ethan Aumack
Moving forward on the workplan.
- 11) Meeting schedule and locations
 - a. November 13, 2008, High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff – more details to come 9a-12p
 - i. Utilization meeting held in conjunction with the Southwest Sustainable Forestry Partnership conference
 - ii. December meeting – TBD
- 12) Call to the Public – none
- 13) Adjourned 12p

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as results of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further considerations and decisions at a later date.

Dated this October 2, 2008
Governor's Forest Health Council
<http://www.governor.state.az.us/FHC/>

CO-CHAIRS

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Molly Pitts, Northern Arizona Wood Products Association

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